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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S CONSULTATIONS: US-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM MULCAHY

REFS: A) ADDIS 5494; B) ADDIS 5527

1. CONCUR USEFULNESS YOUR RETURN ON CONSULTATION FOR DISCUSSIONS OF ONGOING PROBLEMS AND ISSUES AFFECTING U.S.-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS. SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE OF NAT DAVIS, WHO IS DUE TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON FROM WEST AFRICA ON MAY 20, BEST TIMING FOR PRINCIPAL CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE WEEK OF JUNE 9. YOU MIGHT WANT TO COME A FEW DAYS EARLIER, HOWEVER, TO MEET WITH ART TIENKEN WHO WILL BE IN WASHINGTON WEEK OF JUNE 2 BEFORE GOING ON HOME LEAVE. WILL ADVISE YOU FURTHER FOLLOWING DAVIS' RETURN.

2. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS SUBMITTED REFTEL B, CONFIDENTIAL

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WHICH ARE TIMELY, MERIT CLOSE STUDY BY INTERESTED OFFICES AND AGENCIES, AND WILL PROVIDE A USEFUL FOCUS FOR OUR JUNE DISCUSSIONS. PENDING THESE DISCUSSIONS WE CONCUR YOUR SUGGESTION PARA 9 G (1) THAT MAJOR THEME OF U.S.

ATTITUDE TOWARD GOE SHOULD BE STEADINESS. WE WILL CONTINUE

TO DO OUR BEST TO MAINTAIN OUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AT
SUBSTANTIAL LEVELS AND TO MINIMIZE DELAYS AND CONSEQUENT
PROBLEMS WITH REGARD TO DELIVERIES OF SUCH ITEMS AS
F-5E'S AND F-5A'S, ALTHOUGH, AS EMBASSY RECOGNIZES, THERE
COULD BE PROBLEMS AHEAD. WE WILL BE COMMENTING FURTHER
ON YOUR MESSAGE SUBSEQUENTLY. KISSINGER

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